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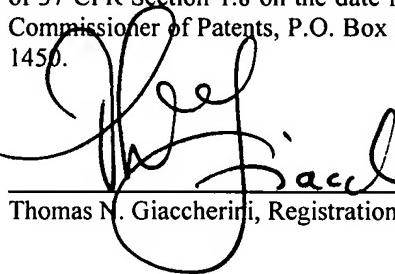
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ELECTION OF CLAIMS

The Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The Applicants submit this Election of Claims in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed on 4 January 2006. The Patent Office provided a one month period for response for the Requirement for Restriction, which expired on 4 February 2006. This Election is accompanied by a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, which will extend the period for response until 4 April 2006.

A First Preliminary Amendment accompanies this Election of Claims.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

The Applicants elect to prosecute the direct communication service category, which the Applicants believe includes New Claim 103, Original Dependent Claims 57-63, and New Claims 104-116, without traverse. New Claim 103 was added to the Present Application by the First Preliminary Amendment which accompanies this Election of Claims. In accordance with the requirement contained in the Requirement for Restriction, the Applicants indicate that they believe that Claim 103 is generic.